

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A bandpass filtering method for a bandpass filter in
which comprising:

performing two frequency transpositions ~~are performed~~ in parallel on an input signal (SE) for filtering using respective first and second upstream mixing signals (SM1, SM2) that are substantially in phase quadrature so as to obtain respective first and second transposed signals (ST1, ST2),

and filtering the two transposed signals ~~are filtered~~ respectively by two lowpass filters (F1, F2), the frequency (ω_0) of the ~~transposition~~ transposed signals (ω_0) ~~and~~ the passband (B/2) of the low-pass filters being related to the frequency (ω_0) of the input signal (SE) (ω_0) ~~and~~ to the passband desired for the bandpass filter,

~~then performing~~ respective frequency transpositions ~~are performed~~ on the first and second filtered transposed signals (STF1, STF2) using two respective downstream mixing signals,

and taking the sum or the difference of the ~~two~~ first and second filtered transposed signals (STF1, STF2) ~~obtained in this way is taken,~~

selecting the frequency of the output mixing signals (SMV1, SMV2) ~~is selected~~ to be different from the frequency of the first and second mixing signals so that the output signal is transposed into a desired frequency range,

~~the method being characterized in that~~ wherein a common oscillator (LO) is used which is coupled with a first phase shifter (MTM) to produce the upstream mixing signals and which is coupled with a second phase shifter (MTV) to produce the downstream mixing signals, and

~~in that~~ the phase shifters are used in opposite manner on ~~the~~ first and second signals branches (VT1, VT2) so that each of said first and second signals branches (VT1, VT2) receives the phase-advanced output signal from one of the two phase shifters and the phase-delayed output signal from the other of the two phase shifters.

2. (Currently Amended) A bandpass filter device comprising two parallel processing paths (VT1, VT2) connected between the input (BE) and the output (BS) of the device, each path comprising a lowpass filter cell (F1, F2) located between an upstream mixer (MA1, MA2) and a downstream mixer (MV1, MV2), and transposition means (LO, MTM, MTV) delivering two respective upstream mixing signals which are substantially in phase quadrature to the upstream mixers (MA1, MA2), and two respective downstream mixing signals which are substantially phase quadrature to the downstream mixers (MV1, MV2), the device further comprising an adder or a subtracter (STM) connected to the outputs from the downstream mixers, the transposition means being provided to deliver the downstream mixing signals at a selected frequency (ω_1) different from the frequency of the upstream mixing signals (ω_2) ~~in such a manner that to transpose the~~ output signal from the band-pass filter ~~is transposed~~ into a desired frequency range, wherein the device ~~being characterized in that it~~ comprises a common oscillator (LO) coupled with a first phase shifter (MTM) for producing the upstream mixing signals and coupled with a second phase shifter (MTV) for producing the downstream mixing signals, and ~~in that~~ the phase shifters are connected in opposite manner so that each of the two parallel branches (VT1, VT2) receives the phase-advanced output signal from one of the two phase shifters and the phase-delayed output signal from the other of the two phase shifters.

3. (Original) A device according to claim 2, characterized in that the ratio between the frequency of the upstream mixing signals (ω_0) and the frequency of the downstream mixing signals (ω_1) is equal to an integer ratio.

4. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 2 ~~or claim 3, characterized in that~~ wherein the two phase shifters ~~are constituted by~~ comprises circuits each presenting a cutoff frequency between their two phase-shifted outputs that is equal respectively to the frequency of the

upstream mixing signals (ω_0) for the first phase shifter (MTM) and to the frequency of the downstream mixing signals (ω_1) for the second phase shifter (MTV).

5. (Currently Amended) A device according to any one of claims 2, 3, 4, or 11 to 4, further comprising ~~characterized in that it comprises~~ an oscillator (LO) coupled to a first phase shifter (MTM) formed by an RC-CR circuit to deliver the upstream mixing signals, and an oscillator (LO) coupled to a second phase shifter (MTV) formed by a second RC-CR circuit to deliver the downstream mixing signals.

6. (Original) A device according to claim 5, characterized in that the capacitors (C, C') of the first and second RC-CR circuits have the same capacitance value and the resistance values of said circuits are selected so that the ratio (n) of the value of the resistances of the second RC-CR circuit over the value of the resistances of the first RC-CR circuit is equal to the ratio (n) of the frequency of the upstream mixing signals (ω_0) over the frequency of the downstream mixing signals (ω_1).

7. (Original) A device according to claim 5, characterized in that the resistors (R, R') of the first and second RC-CR circuits present the same resistance value, and the capacitors (C, C') of said RC-CR circuits are selected so that the ratio (m) of the capacitance values of the second RC-CR circuit over the capacitance value of the first RC-CR circuit is equal to the ratio (m) of the frequency of the upstream mixing signals (ω_0) over the frequency of the downstream mixing signals (ω_1).

8. (Original) A device according to claim 5, characterized in that the capacitors (C, C') of the first and second RC-CR circuit have capacitance values in a ratio equal to an integer ratio, and in that the resistors (R, R') of the first and second RC-CR circuits present resistance values in a ratio equal to an integer ratio.

9. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 5~~any one of claims 5 to 8~~, characterized in that the RC-CR circuits are disposed in opposite manner so that each of the two parallel branches (VT1, VT2) receives the phase-advanced output signal from one of the two RC-CR circuits and the phase-delayed output signal from the other of the two RC-CR circuits.

10. (Currently Amended) A device according to any one of claims ~~2 to 9~~4 or 11, in ~~combination with claim 4, characterized in that~~wherein the oscillator (LO) is coupled to one of the first and second phase shifters (MTM, MTV) via at least one frequency ~~transposition~~divider.

11. (New) A device according to claim 3, wherein the two phase shifters comprises circuits each presenting a cutoff frequency between their two phase-shifted outputs that is equal respectively to the frequency of the upstream mixing signals (ω_0) for the first phase shifter (MTM) and to the frequency of the downstream mixing signals (ω_1) for the second phase shifter (MTV).